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Particulars of an Indian Fight.

Since the account of General Crook's late fight was put in type, we received the following from a citizen who took part in the engagement himself:

General Crook, on assuming command took the field and crossed the river at Old Fort Boise on the 21st of December, with Captain Perry and forty of the cavalry, and ten scouts, moving forward, sending the scouts ahead, and moving the cavalry at night along the highlands between the Owyhee and Malheur. On the 23d the scouts came in and reported a small band of Indians ahead passing with stock from the Malheur towards the Owyhee. Going forward, it was ascertained that the Indians had passed down canyon to the Owyhee and gone up that stream. Using order and precaution the command pursued the trail up the Owyhee for two nights, when the scouts came in and reported that they had heard the neighing of horses, but could discover no lights in consequence of the prevailing fog, whereupon the command moved forward under cover of night to feel out the enemy and strike a blow before discovery. No Indians were found at the place indicated—a high ridge flanked by gulches, about sixty miles up the river, on the west side. No time was to be lost, however, (the ground was unsuited for cavalry,) and were pushed across deep ravines, passing out like fingers into a bend, where the river canyoned to the East in a big bend. As the fog lifted at daybreak, a few horses were discovered on the table land. Soon after, an Indian was heard and seen to drive three or four horses back over the ridge. Word was sent to hurry up the horses. In the meantime an Indian was seen on the ridge ahead who disappeared suddenly, when it was evident they had taken alarm. In a few moments an Indian, with flying feathers, followed by two others, made his appearance on the ridge and raised the whoop, charging right and left. Capt. Perry ordered a portion of the men to go back down the ravine and hurry up the horses, and with the remainder charged the ridge on foot in order to cover the movement of the horses. The Indians broke from their line of defence, and the horses coming up on the rear the men were mounted and led to the charge and pursuit, the Indians flying up the mountains from their camp just south of the ridge and over the ridge to the south, and a brisk firing commenced which continued for about a mile, Capt. Perry leading one squad and Sergt. O'Toole the other. The result was twenty-five or thirty of the enemy killed, nine prisoners of women and children, twenty-nine horses and mules captured, about twenty-five wagons and all the provisions of the enemy, including a large amount of beef lately slaughtered, burnt and destroyed.

Sergt. O'Toole, a worthy and efficient officer, received a mortal wound in the engagement, and died on the return.

Gen. Crook is now organizing an expedition to go up the Malheur and "for the Indians."—*Idaho Statesman*.

ARSENIC EATING.—The following case of arsenic eating, observed in the *London Review*, has been recently communicated to the *British Journal* by Dr. La Rue, Professor of Toxicology in Laval University, Quebec. An Englishman, aged forty-seven, long resident in Canada, of good constitution, intelligent and well educated, believed himself in 1854 to be attacked with consumption. Having heard that white arsenic was an excellent remedy, he procured two ounces and commenced taking it five or six times a day, without much regard to the exact quantity, finishing the whole in six or eight weeks. He also mixed white arsenic with the tobacco he smoked, inducing the garlic fumes. He never experienced any of the usual constitutional symptoms said to result from taking arsenic, even after six weeks' constant use. The only precaution he employed was to refrain from drinking water for some time after eating arsenic. This individual recently took in Dr. La Rue's presence, four grains of pure arsenious acid, smoking at the same time another grain mixed with his tobacco. We see nothing remarkable in an habitual arsenic eater taking this quantity, as much being often taken by the arsenic eaters amongst the Syrian peasantry, by whom arsenic is resorted to for shortness of breath, and by the young females to improve the complexion and produce an agreeable embonpoint. The really wonderful circumstance in the narration is the ability at once to commence such doses with impunity, and this to commence them, as by no means satisfactorily authenticated. The most important point of all, however, viz., what were the symptoms that originated the apprehension of consumption, and did the use of arsenic alleviate or remove them, is altogether omitted to be noticed.

INTERESTING TO THE LADIES.—The decision of the following case, which will be heard by the Supreme Court in January next, will be looked forward to with great interest by the married ladies, and also those contemplating taking the rash step:

Last July a woman named Martha E. Hughes was brought before the Circuit Court of Middlesex county, charged with stealing a lot of wearing apparel from Mrs. ——. In the trial the counsel for the accused demanded that the case be dropped on the ground that a married woman's clothing did not belong to her, but to her husband, and of course his client could not be tried for stealing articles from a person to whom they did not belong. The Circuit Court in sentencing the woman to imprisonment, showed that it was of the opinion that a wife's clothing did belong to her, and not to her husband.

FAIRLY REPRESENTED.—When Judge ——, a member of Congress of Ohio, years ago, was opposed, at the second election, on account of his intemperance, he good naturedly admitted the fact, but insisted that he never was so drunk as not to fairly represent his constituents. He was elected by a large majority.

THE FENIANS.—The following, from the Liverpool *Courier*, is a cool English opinion of the situation: There is not a man of common sense and judgment who believes that Stephens really intends to set out for Ireland. John Mitchell has just arrived in New York, and a meeting between the two would be anything but pleasant. Mr. Mitchell has bluntly intimated that Stephens got £15,000 from him, which he never accounted for. Stephens can stow himself away for a while, and suddenly reappearing, can produce half a dozen Byrnes to swear he was in Ireland, organizing. There are at least three persons known to bear a strong resemblance to the Head Centre, and a bundle of printed proclamations, dated from an Irish port—a thing easily managed—will be taken for proof of Stephan's avatar in Ireland. The British Government are thoroughly posted up as to all the artifices of the conspirators by more than one of themselves. The Fenian treasury is bankrupt, and the meeting at Jones' Wood did not bring in the hoped-for dollars. Stephens, as one of the "men in the gap," presumed to be fighting in Ireland, may draw on the purse more successfully. After a month, or two months' luxurious seclusion, Stephens may quietly emerge and assure his dupes that he has spent all the money, and organized 200,000 men for next year. An excuse can readily be found for not striking "the final blow" this year, and so decent annuity may be secured for many years to come. But the mischief that man is inflicting upon the peasantry of the country he pretends to love, is incalculable. Every idle, dissipated, good-for-nothing hanger about towns and farmsteads, really believes that the time for plunder is close at hand, and that the dark nights of December will be lit up by the glare of burning homes. The farmers, who would be the first to suffer, are turning their stock and crops into gold, and biding that. Others are drawing their small deposits from the banks and preparing to fly to America. There are not meetings held for purpose of drilling, but numbers of young men of the lowest class "walk out" toward nightfall, apparently without any fixed object. These are they who will be sure to suffer for, tempted by their own numbers, they may engage in some act which will be fearfully punished. Very few of these dupes have ever seen Stephens; and it is possible that some daring impostor, pretending to be the Head Centre, may urge them to commit some deed for which there can be no forgiveness on earth. There may be Satan's work in Ireland, but it will be done in lonely farmhouses, in unprotected village's, in the landlord's residence or the clergyman's glebe, but the Fenians will never dare to face a single company of constabulary.

D. CUMMING'S PREDICTIONS.—Last evening, says the *Morning Post*, of Monday, Dr. Cumming took for his text, Jonah 1:6: "What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God." In commenting upon the story of Jonah, he went over much of his old ground, and repeated most of his usual illustrations in relation to the approaching end of this world. He said that twenty years ago he had fixed upon the year 1866 as the probable period when time would come to an end, and he had then and since been much ridiculed for his belief. But where were the scoffers now? Did not the present time portend some dreadful catastrophe? The minds of men were much troubled, and the counsels of nations perplexed, by the dread of some great and terrible calamity that was presently to come on the earth. The Papacy was in its last throes, and all the Pope's lambs were ready to turn upon their shepherd and tear him asunder. The 10,000 nuns and the 10,000 priests dispossessed by Victor Emmanuel were coming over to help Dr. Manning and the Puseyites to fight their last great battle in England. He believed that the true interpretation of prophecy pointed to this year or the next, or probably 1868, as the consummation of all things; but if any Jonah were to go to-morrow, at "twelve o'clock," to the Royal Exchange, "the centre of the commerce of the great nation, and produce an agreeable embonpoint. The really wonderful circumstance in the narration is the ability at once to commence such doses with impunity, and this to commence them, as by no means satisfactorily authenticated. The most important point of all, however, viz., what were the symptoms that originated the apprehension of consumption, and did the use of arsenic alleviate or remove them, is altogether omitted to be noticed.

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Jan 24—Star Diana, Wright, San Juan
Schr. Thorndike, Thornton, San Juan
Schr. Annie, Elvin, Beecher Bay

CLEARED.
Jan 24—Star Emily Harris, Prain, Nanaimo
Star Diana, Wright, San Juan
Schr. Eliza, Middleton, Esquimalt

Auction Sales To-day.

J. P. DAVIES & CO., Wharf street, will sell at 11 o'clock, a. m., at Carroll's Saloon, Yates street, Wines, Liquors, Brandy, Ale and Porter, Old Tom, Whisky; also Furniture, &c.

WILSON'S CONCERT.—Mr. Geo. F. Wilson has earned for himself the gratitude of the people of Victoria for the rare musical treat of Wednesday night. The great attraction of the evening was Madame D'Ormy, who more than realized all that was anticipated from her. In personal appearance she reminds us strongly of the celebrated Grisi, as we last saw her. She undoubtedly made a favorable impression. Her voice, a powerful contralto, perfectly transfixes her hearers; she has evidently a great command over it, and long practice has taught her how to use it effectively. Mercadante's 'Il Giuramento' was intended to demonstrate its power, and perfectly succeeded; as no artiste less richly endowed than Madame D'Ormy, could have produced such telling effects. The audience was excited to a high pitch of enthusiasm and loudly applauded her; she acknowledged the encore by singing a little scene with much clearness of articulation; she afterwards sang Schubert's fine song 'The Wanderer,' another instance in which a less powerful voice would have absolutely failed; she acquitted herself with great *éclat*, and in response to the rapturous applause with which it was received, sang 'M'appari,' the gem from Flotow's Opera of Martha, which in our estimation was decidedly her best effort; the great compass of her voice, its wonderful pliancy and volume, afforded her a rare opportunity to display her skill as an *artiste*. The execution was fine and well merited the rapturous applause bestowed upon it. The drinking song in Lucrezia Borgia was given in her best style, and was deservedly encored. Madame D'Ormy has undoubtedly carried the Victoria public by storm, and will reap a rich harvest from her victory should she again discourse sweet music in this city. Miss Alice Palmer, an interesting young lady, sang very nicely; a little more practice before the curtain will give her that self-possession which is all that is requisite to secure for her a high position in the musical world; she sang the favorite Cavatina 'Thro' the Wood,' very pleasingly, and receiving a hearty encore, she gave 'Happy Days' with much taste. Later in the evening she gave Schubert's beautiful serenade, but was more at home in the sweet ballad 'Give me your blessing, Mother,' to which she did full justice—infusing so much pathos and expression into this pretty song, as to reach every heart. Mr. Gibbons sang a pleasing ballad from Lurline and was applauded. Mr. Harris sang 'The People,' feelingly. The Orchestra was very credible to Victoria; the several gentlemen filled their parts with efficiency. The overture to 'The Miller and his Men,' Coote's quadrille Chatsworth; 'Young Man from the country,' galop; Overture 'Heart of Midlothian,' and 'Bird Waltz' were well played. The selections from Don Pasquale and Rigoletto, however seemed to please most generally. Mr. Wilson was most delightful throughout on the cornet-a-piston, and exhibited rare artistic merit, as did also Mr. Digby Palmer on the piano. Messrs. Wilson and Harris played a duett on the cornet, showing great proficiency on that fine instrument. The Marsh and Pixley families, assisted by Mr. Clark, performed that racy farce of 'Lucky in a Name'; the parts were well filled and kept the spectators in a roar of laughter throughout, by the spirited manner in which the sparkling fun was served up; we thought at the moment that Mr. Marsh had achieved a great success with the means at his disposal. We have certainly never been better pleased with an evening's amusement in this Colony, and trust that the full house on Wednesday night will convince the parties interested, that in croaking the 'Depression Chorus,' Victorians have only acquired a bad habit, and that there is a plentiful harvest to be reaped here by artistes of undoubted talent.

PORT TOWNSEND ITEMS.—A melancholy accident occurred in Port Townsend harbor on Saturday evening last. Three men, on their way from Port Discovery, in a Whitehall boat, were upset by a squall. They clung to the boat for some time, when two of the party started to swim to the shore, but must have drowned on the way, as they have not since been seen. The remaining man lay on the bottom of the boat all night and was carried by the tide out of the harbor and back again. His shouts failed to attract attention until long after daylight, when the ferryman, in crossing to Whidby Island, discovered him. The poor fellow, having been sixteen hours on the boat's bottom, was almost gone when conveyed ashore, but is now recovering. One of the drowned men was named Bartlett.... On Monday last a man who keeps an oyster stand shot at another man with whom he had a difficulty, but missed his aim.... New buildings are going up on every side, and the city fathers are improving the highways and byways.

THE MCNEAR.—The steamer Josie McNear, Captain Wieser, arrived from the Sound last evening en route to the Columbia river, where she will be exchanged for the New World. The Josie will remain in this port for a few days to refit before leaving for the Columbia.

MONUMENT TO SIR JOHN FRANKLIN.—On Thursday last a monument to Sir John Franklin, the money for which was voted by Parliament, was unveiled in Waterloo-place, Pall Mall, by Sir John Parkinson, First Lord of the Admiralty. The statue, which is, perhaps, Mr. Noble's most successful among many highly satisfactory works, is eight feet four inches in height, and the figure is represented in the uniform of a commander in the navy, with an overcoat of fur. In the right hand are a telescope, a chart and compasses. The statue, which is of bronze, stands on a pedestal of Aberdeen granite, polished and decorated with a bronze cable, oak leaves and acorns. On each side of the pedestal is a panel. That on the front, a very fine bas-relief, represents the funeral of Franklin. The grouping here is excellent and the details are full of power and delicacy. On the back is an embossed chart of the Arctic regions, and on the sides are inscribed the names of the crews of the Erebus and Terror—*Times*.

OUR CLIMATE.—Telegrams from Seattle and Olympia, and advices from Nanaimo, report a heavy snow storm on Wednesday night. Hero the ground was hardly whitened. At Westminster, no doubt, the fall was at least a foot deep. With a climate mild and springlike in midwinter, and delightfully cool in summer, are we not a favored community?

FROM NANAIMO AND WAY PORTS.—The steamer Sir James Douglas arrived last evening at 4 o'clock with eight passengers, a cargo of coal, and two head of cattle. The brig Ann was loaded, but remained till to-day to take on board some spars. A schooner arrived yesterday to load coals for Victoria. Snow lay on the ground to the depth of six inches yesterday.

THE COLD SNAP will have an unfavorable effect upon river navigation, and will probably close the Fraser from the mouth upwards.

Serious apprehensions are entertained for the safety of H M S Malacca and the gunboat Forward, which vessels started for New Westminster a day or two ago, and will, it is feared, be blocked in with ice.

THE LUMBER BUSINESS on the Sound is said to be improving once more; the price of the commodity has advanced in the San Francisco markets, and a healthy demand has sprung up in foreign ports.

NO TIDINGS have been received of H M S Sparrowhawk, which vessel started north to relieve the shipwrecked sailors of the Mauna Kea, two weeks since.

THE Lieutenants Hodgson and Hunter, of the U.S.R.C. Lincoln, having been ordered below, have gone overland from Port Townsend.

THE Emily Harris departed for Nanaimo yesterday, with a small freight and a few passengers.

There was not a single police court case yesterday.

The Enterprise will return to-morrow evening.

Auction Sales.

TO-MORROW

Saturday, Jan. 26th,

AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.,

AT SALESROOM

Wharf Street,

J. A. M'CREA

WILL SELL

Groceries AND Provisions.

20 chests U. S. Tea

5 bbls Sal Soda

20 gunnies best Oregon Bacon

10 cases Oregon Lard in tins

10 kegs best Oregon Butter in rolls

20 boxes Virginia Tobacco, very fine

20 bbls superfine Flour

50 bxs Soap

10 bxs Candles

1 bbl Pea Nuts

1 bbl Almonds

And a variety of other Goods.

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Boots and Shoes

To Close Invoice.

INDIA RUBBER SHOES

5 doz Mens' India Rubber Shoes

5 doz Ladies' do do

5 doz Ladies' Gaiters, sewed & nailed

4 cs Heavy Grained Cavalry Boots

4 cs Heavy Nailed and Pegged Boots

Auction Sales.

J. A. McCrea—Continued.

Furniture

1 Mahogany French Bedstead
1 do Bureau, 1 do Washstand
1 Painted Bed-room Set, Bedstead,
Mirror, Washstand, Small Table
and Chairs, 1 Child's Crib, Blank-
ets, 1 8-day Clock, Pulu Mattress,
Straw do, Pillows, &c., &c.

ALSO

Sherry and Brandy.

18 qr cks Sherry Wine
25 do Brandy
20 cs Porter, in bottles

And to Close Invoices

Invoice of Gosnel's Perfumery:

50 cs Pipes
1 cask Crockery
1 cs Dumb Bells
1 cask Mule Shoes
1 Washing Machine

Invoice of Carriage Lamps & Whips.

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ALSO

Sugars

By Order of Messrs JANION, GREEN
& RHODES,

To Close Stock on Hand and Late
Arrivals:

T II II. 35 kegs No. 2, 8. I. Sugar
Hana 77 do do do
Wailee 12, 21 do do do

In Bond or Duty paid.

Lewis Plantation:

141 kegs strictly No. 1, 8. I. Sugar

Wailuku Plantation:

No. 51, 11 kegs strictly No. 1, S I Sugar

55, 92 do do do do

56, 53 do do do do

57, 36 do do do do

The Sugars will be sold on a credit of
30 and 60 days. Approved endorsed paper.

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Wednesday, Jan. 30,

AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Off the Hudson Bay Co.'s Wharf,

CARGO

OF THE

Schr. Premier,

ON A LIBERAL CREDIT,

Consisting of:

Sugars,

Coffee,

AND

Molasses.

DESCRIPTIONS:

174 kegs Wailuku Plantation

263 do Lahaina do

159 do Halawa do

226 do Oahu do

238 do Pioneer do

125 do Kohala do

23 do Hawaiian do

41 do Honolulu do

200 bags do do

AND

100 bbls Molasses

40 bags Coffee

Auction Sales.

J. P. Davies & Co.—Continued.

Furniture

1 Mahogany French Bedstead
1 do Bureau, 1 do Washstand
1 Painted Bed-room Set, Bedstead,
Mirror, Washstand, Small Table
and Chairs, 1 Child's Crib, Blank-
ets, 1 8-day Clock, Pulu Mattress,
Straw do, Pillows, &c., &c.

Cash advances made on Consignments.

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FRIDAY

We are Instructed by

MR. B. SLOMAN,

—TO SELL—

BY AUCTION,

At CARROL'S SALOON

YATES STREET,

THIS DAY

Friday, Jan. 25th,

At 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.

THE STOCK IN TRADE OF

Wines,

Liquors,

Brandy,

Ale & Porter

Old Tom,

Whisky,

FURNITURE:

Pictures, Clocks, Tables, Chairs,
Beds and Bedding, Cigars, &c., &c.

TERMS CASH.

J. P. DAVIES & CO.,
Auctioneers.

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Auction Sales.

HOUSEHOLD

Furniture,

By Auction,

P. M. BACKUS,

Has been instructed by

H. WAKEFORD, Esq.,

TO SELL

ON THE PREMISES,

BELLOTT STREET,

Between Vancouver and Cook streets, just
beyond the Ladies' College,

On Tuesday, Jan. 29,

